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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed on June 24, 2003 and is filed on or before the three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto.

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Action pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.